

**VERMONT CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL
MARCH 8, 2016
PITTSFORD, VERMONT
10:00AM**

Members in Attendance

Chief Christopher Brickell, Chair, Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police
Major William Sheets, Vice Chair, Proxy for DPS Commissioner, Vermont State Police
Executive Director Richard Gauthier, Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council
Director William Elovirta, Proxy for Commissioner Ide, Dept of Motor Vehicles
Joe Damiata, Vermont League of Cities & Town (Public Seat)
John Treadwell, Vermont Attorney General's Office
David Fenster, Vermont State's Attorney & Sheriffs' Office
Alan Cormier, Proxy for Commissioner Menard, Vermont Department of Corrections
Constable Silas Loomis, Vermont Constable Association
Sergeant Thomas Mozzer, Vermont Troopers Association
Gary Moore, Public Seat
Justin Stedman, Proxy for Colonel Jason Batchelder, Vermont Department
of Fish & Wildlife
Captain Mike Major, Vermont Police Association

Other Attendance

Jacob Humbert, VT Attorney General's Office
Wesley Lawrence, Hearing Officer for the Council
Cindy Taylor-Patch, Vermont Police Academy
John Gonyea, Vermont Police Academy
Gail Williams, Vermont Police Academy
Kenneth Hawkins, Vermont Police Academy
Jason Williams, Vermont Police Academy

Chief Brickell: Called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Approval of Prior Minutes: A motion was made by Gary Moore, and seconded by Joe Damiata, to approve the December 8, 2015, meeting minutes. There was no discussion, motion passed.

Decertification: Decertification hearing was postponed until the June 2016 meeting due to health reasons of the officer.

Committee Reports:

- Canine Committee: Chief Brickell expressed his admiration at the numbers on the report and asked about making the information available to the public. Director Gauthier suggested making this information available through a press release and it was decided to leave the Officer's names off the report. Motion to accept Canine Committee report was made by Director Elovirta, seconded by Sergeant Mozzer. No further discussion, motion carried.

- Use of Force Committee: Motion to accept the Use of Force Committee report was made by Director Elovirta, seconded by Gary Moore. No discussion. Motion carried.
- Domestic Violence: Director Gauthier reported that we are in the hiring process to fill TJ's position, with a target date of mid-April to the first part of May. He also explained that there has been a delay in the 2016 DV training. Once the presentation is completed Agencies will be given the training on a thumb drive for their officers to watch. Due to the delay if extensions are needed Agencies can contact the Academy. Motion to accept the Domestic Violence report was made by Captain Major, seconded by Gary Moore. No further discussion. Motion carried.
- Training Advisory Committee: Cindy told the Council that the committee has been working on the review of the Basic Academy curriculum and coming up with suggestions on how to fit in recommended training. The Committee has also approved the new Officer's Standard Tasks Checklist for the Field Training and Evaluation Program (which is discussed later in the meeting). Motion to accept the Training Advisory Committee report was made by Captain Major, seconded by Director Elovirta. No further discussion. Motion carried.
- Training Report: Cindy reported that the Academy started with 34 recruits and has lost one. The class is doing good. There are a couple with medical issues. The Level II Certification Class started Monday the 7th. There has been low enrollment in the Level II Certification Classes. Valcour training has started. Spillman numbers have dropped. There were many attendees in the FTO Update classes. Below 100 has been incorporated into the FTO Update classes.

Executive Directors Report:

Director Gauthier explained the Level II-E Expansion summary form that was emailed to the Council, and explained that there was an error on the form. The request from Shelburne PD had been denied due to insufficient hours. Shelburne had been notified and given the option to appeal at this meeting. Motion to approve the Level II-E certifications was made by Gary Moore, seconded by Joe Damiata. No further discussion. Motion carried.

Legislative Updates:

- Director Gauthier gave an update on the H.743 bill on Fair and Impartial Policing training and reporting. The Council will need to approve the final draft. House and Senate are expecting a report, but do not need to also approve.
- Director Gauthier went over the new draft of the S.221 bill with the Council.
 - Director Gauthier referred to a membership language change.
 - There has been concerns from a number of agencies on the topic of the Academy becoming a law enforcement agency. After hearing the concerns, the Council still wishes for the Academy becoming a law enforcement agency.
 - The Council agreed the language of recognized/defined by the Council needs to be modified, and language in the adoption of internal affairs needed to be adjusted.
 - The Council wanted to clarify the wording in regards making the Academy aware of an officer leaving employment ahead of an internal investigation, and have the right to report this to a hiring agency.
 - The Council would like to retain the ability to begin investigations at its discretion.

Broke at 10:35 for a break

Meeting resumed at 10:53

- Discussion on the S.221 bill continued.
 - Director Gauthier is going to contact Betsy Wrask and ask her to update the draft with the recommendations and adjustments suggested by the Council, to be introduced tomorrow.
- John Treadwell and David Fenster suggested changing the Level II list from what an officer can do to what an officer cannot do.

Governance Committee Meeting report: No testimony in this Legislative session. Nothing further to report.

The Council did not go into Executive Session.

New Business:

- Cindy went over the new Officer's Standard Tasks Checklist for the Field Training and Evaluation Program form. Clarifications and suggestions were given. Cindy is going to amend the form. Motion to accept the form with the changes was made by Gary Moore, seconded by Sergeant Mozzer.

Motion to adjourn was made by Director Elovirta, seconded by Joe Damiata.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.